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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA

1. ALGERIAN RADIO AND PRESS HAVE REPORTED BRIEFLY AND, AS NEARLY AS WE CAN JUDGE AT THIS WRITING, ACCURATELY ON ICJ SAHARA DECISION AND UN COMMISSION'S REPORT. THERE HAS BEEN NO REAL EDITORIAL COMMENT SO FAR ALTHOUGH ARTICLE ON UN COMMISSION'S REPORT CONCLUDES, WITH OBVIOUS SATISFACTION, THAT REPORT'S RECOMMENDATION COINCIDES WITH "POINT OF VIEW ALWAYS DEFENDED BY OUR COUNTRY."

2. PRESS HAS ALSO CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT SUMMARY OF CIFRA NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT POLISARIO AND PUNS HAD DECIDED TO COOPERATE IN STRUGGLE AGAINST "ANNEXATIONIST PRETENTIONS.Z

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3. ALMOST NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE HERE OF MOROCCAN

PRESS ATTACKS ON ALGERIA. EXCEPTION WAS OCTOBER 16
ARTICLE IN OFFICIAL ORAN DAILY, LA REPUBLIQUE. PIECE,
WHICH ENTITLED "THE POPULAR VERDICT: A NIGHTMARE
FOR SOME," CHARACTERIZED MOROCCAN CAMPAIGN, PARTICULARLY
THAT OF "PHONY OPPOSITION (OPPOSITION DE FACADE)", AS
HAVING BEEN "UNLEASHED" AND AS SUBORDINATING ESSENTIAL
GOAL OF SAHARAN DECOLONIZATION TO CAMPAIGN AIMED AT
DESTROYING SELF-DETERMINATION PRINCIPLE.

4. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF OCT. 16, FONMIN OFFICIAL
SAID HE DID NOT SEE HOW UN COULD NOT COME OUT FOR SELF-
DETERMINATION. OFFICIAL SAID THAT GENUINE REFUGEES
SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO COLONY FOR SELF-DETERMINATION
PROCESS AND SAID IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO
DETERMINE WHICH OF THESE PERSONS WERE BONA FIDE AND WHICH
WERE NOT. IN OFFICIAL'S VIEW, SPANISH SHOULD PLAY ROLE
IN ADMINISTERING COLONY DURING TRANSITIONAL PMASE, BUT
BORDERING COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN SUCH
ADMINISTRATION.

3. COMMENT: BBC (1500Z OCT. 16) ACCOUNT OF ICJ DECISION
AND OCT. 15 PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE STORY ON UN COMMISSION
REPORT MAKE IT APPEAR THAT, SO FAR, SAHARA SITUATION
DEVELOPING VERY MUCH AS GOA WOULD LIKE.
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